The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"The relevant portions of the report have already been given in an answer to a question, and copies of this have been circulated to every Member of this House."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know if before resorting to this drastic step of supersession, the Government considered other measures, for instance, whether they could not have dissolved the Council and have elections held again?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"Well, Sir, they did consider the question most anxiously, and they have stated the reasons in the Government Order on the subject."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know the reasons that prompted the Government to take this drastic step in view of the fact that they could have resorted to milder measures?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"In view of the resolution tabled on this question, I would ask hon. Members to wait for detailed information till it comes up for discussion."

Suggestions for the rearrangement of the wards of the Kumbakonam Municipality.

* 377 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received from the Secretary, Sri Kamakshi Vilas Reading Room Hall, Kumbakonam, a copy of the resolutions passed at its general body meeting, under the presidentship of Mr. N. Natesa Pattar on 22nd August 1931 and from R. Nagarajan, a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the municipal tax-payers of the fifth ward, Kumbakonam, held on 24th August 1931, urging the Government to modify the new arrangement of wards and suggesting a different arrangement of wards; and

(*b*) what orders the Government have passed thereon?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Proposal for the abolition of the collection of professional tax by the local bodies.

* 378 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to abolish the collection of profession-tax by local bodies?

A.—There is no such proposal.